GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2598
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2006
VOTING RIGHT
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Mane Smt. Nivedita

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make voting right mandatory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the item by which it is likely to be made mandatory; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE(SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal under consideration with the Government to make voting right mandatory. The issue has been considered by the Committee on Electoral Reforms, 1990 (Dinesh Goswami Committee) and also in the meeting of all political parties held in 1998. The measure was, however, not accepted because of the practical difficulties involved in its implementation.